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## FBA Meeting

**Monday  
March 30**

**St. Paul's Parish House  
Auditorium  
2430 K Street N.W.  
8 p.m.**

**Thomas Downs  
Acting Director, D.C. Department  
of Transportation  
Guest Speaker**



Have you been wondering about the success of the permit parking program in our area? With all the city budgetary problems, will the services we receive from DOT be affected? Will access to the Whitehurst Freeway be expanded, bringing additional automobile traffic onto 26th street? What's happening with the new street lighting program? How will the private bus companies be accessing the hotels in our area?

These questions, and many more, can be answered by Thomas M. Downs, the new Director of Transportation, who will be our featured speaker at the March 30 meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association. Mr. Downs will share with us his plans for the city, particularly the policies and programs that will affect our area.

Prior to his position as Director of Transportation, Mr. Downs worked at the U.S. Department of Transportation, first as a White House Fellow and special assistant to the Secretary, then as Associate Administrator for Planning and Policy Development with the Federal Highway Administration, and finally as Executive Director

for the Urban Mass Transportation Administration. Before coming to Washington, Mr. Downs was Assistant City Manager of Little Rock, Arkansas, with responsibility for internal operations of the city, and then City Manager in Leavenworth, Kansas, where he was responsible for all general government operations for the city. During this time he received a Master's Degree in Political Science from the University of Missouri and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Kansas.

The Department of Transportation has always been important to the citizens of Foggy Bottom, and this meeting will give us all an idea of what to expect in the next years. Come with lots of questions for Mr. Downs.

On April 27th, George M. Elliott, Minister-Counselor, Public Affairs Division of the Canadian Embassy, will speak to us about the success of Canadians to revitalize their downtowns in Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal. By hearing about their special problems and successes, we may get some ideas for our own city.

## Crisis at 925th Street

The neighborhood's efforts to preserve its housing are facing a critical new test at 925-25th Street, where the Madison Management Corporation is trying to convert at least 55 apartment units to transient use. If Madison succeeds, "925" may join the ranks of many other buildings in the neighborhood — including the River Inn, across the street from it — which have been converted either partly or entirely into apartment-hotels. The local Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) is contesting the conversion. The "925" Tenants Association will meet to discuss it shortly after this article goes to press.

The "925" case began last fall, when the Tenants Association and the ANC each called for a "show cause hearing" to determine the legality of the management's actions. The management had already taken dozens of apart-

ment units off the rental market and was starting to furnish them. Any doubts about Madison Management's plans were dispelled at a special ANC meeting, where its attorney publicly declared its intent to convert some 55 units to transient use. He claimed the conversion was in keeping with the laws.

The ANC differed, authorizing attorney Tony Creswell to prosecute the case before the Rental Accommodations Office and determine whether a conversion is consistent with a law (#3-87), which explicitly prohibits such conversions. Sponsored by Councilman John Wilson, the law was passed last year with strong support by the ANC and other civic groups. It applies to all buildings which were not already at least 60 percent transient as of June 4, 1980.

The Rental Accommodations

Office held a show cause hearing on the case late last year and released its decision on March 2. The ANC reviewed it at a special public meeting on March 10.

At the meeting, attorney Creswell asserted that the RAO decision contained numerous inconsistencies and omissions and that it did not seem to adequately interpret and enforce Law 3-87. Particularly troubling was its contention that either 45 or 55 units — it was ambiguous on this point — were already transient as of the June 4 starting date for the law. Many tenants from "925" have said this is impossible because those units were not even furnished and in use at that time. In order for them to have been legally transient, the owner would have had to be paying taxes on the occupants. The ANC decided to contest the ruling and seek a clarification or reversal. The Tenants Association will meet on it March 18.

More news on the "925" conversion case will be available at the next ANC meeting, at St. Mary's Court on April 7.

## What You Missed Last Meeting

Jeanne Abel

At the February FBA meeting, our guest speaker, Mr. Robert Martin, shared his experiences with the American Red Cross. As assistant director for International Services on the national level, Mr. Martin has been involved in humanitarian efforts worldwide. Soon after joining the Red Cross in 1956, he assisted with relief efforts in Europe during the Hungarian uprising. Subsequent tours were in Africa and Latin America. He helped found that Algerian Red Crescent, has been U.S. representative to the League of Red Cross Societies and is the United States' representative to OAS.

Mr. Martin traces his allegiance to the Red Cross to WW II when, as a prisoner of war, he received parcels through the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). These packages symbolized hope and reaffirmed his belief in humanity. The ICRC, Geneva-based and comprised of Swiss citizens, is guardian of the Geneva Conventions and neutral intermediary in time of conflict. The ICRC Committee operates a central tracing agency, which serves to reunite families lost by changing world conditions and distributes emergency relief and medical care to areas of political, social or military unrest.

The League of Red Cross Societies is a federation of 126 societies, which promotes cooperation among member societies, coordinates relief efforts and helps national societies

develop and expand programs in the field of health, welfare and safety.

Guided by principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality and universality, the Red Cross is often mediator between countries which have no diplomatic relations. For example, for fifteen years Red Cross representatives met regularly in Hong Kong to exchange mail and packages on behalf of relatives long before normalization of U.S. - China relations.

In summary, through the efforts of the Red Cross and its emissaries the world is a better place for all of us.

The highlight of the business meeting was the reading by President John Landgraf of Safeway's response to the resolution passed at the January meeting and petitions signed by concerned residents. In the letter Safeway agreed not to transform their Watergate store into a Townhouse.

Landgraf also reported that the bar on bus traffic to and from the continues and that the Joint Committee on Landmarks (JCL) rejected George Washington University's appeal on Red Lion Row. Mention was made that the Fitzgerald property between Colonial Apartments and Hinckley Pottery may be developed. No details were available.

Police officers Cheek and Britton gave their monthly report. We heard the distressing news of a

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## ANC NEWS FROM A TO Z

**ANC NEWS** — What is happening in Foggy Bottom-West End? What happened this March.

**Academic Cluster Construction Hours:** The George Washington University asked the Commission to consider a request to change starting construction hours for the Academic Cluster project at 22nd and I Street from 7:30 to 7 AM. Several residents voiced objections to this proposal, and the ANC adopted resolution opposing any change.

**ANC Elections, Terms:** Commissioner introduced a resolution in support of a bill by D.C. Councilmember Clarke proposing, among other things, to change ANC elections to even-numbered years and eliminate the three consecutive term limit on ANC commissioners. The Commission adopted the resolution but, because of reservations by Commissioners Feldman and Nowick, decided to take no position on the three-term limit.

**Cable TV:** FBA President John Landgraf presented to the Commission a resolution supporting cable television service for D.C. with the stipulation that it provides community-based programming and takes into account some other concerns. The resolution was drafted with the help of FBA Board members Kathy Haley and Bob Charles. The ANC passed the resolution unanimously.

**Crime Prevention:** Commissioner Molinelli reported on an inter-ANC meeting he attended on crime prevention and other subjects. Molinelli outlined various new proposals put forth by the city, including brighter street lighting and the formation of Neighborhood Watch groups. He urged any citizens interested in forming Neighborhood Watch groups for their area to get in touch with him.

**Dupont Circle Cooperation:** Commissioner Nowick reported on a meeting he had recently had with Jim Oliver, chairman of the Dupont Circle ANC, to discuss the two neighborhoods' problems and ways to resolve them. Oliver offered to work with our ANC to promote West End Library funding, maintain D.C. control over embassy locations, and study the impact of medical office development on housing. He expressed appreciation for our Commission's support for downzoning Connecticut Avenue above Dupont Circle.

**Funding for ANC's:** Commissioner Feldman reported on an inter-ANC meeting he attended on ANC funding. The meeting proposed the formation of a secretariat for the ANC's to coordinate support for maintaining adequate funding. The Commission decided to discuss this proposal further at a later date.

**Governor Shepherd:** A resident from the Governor Shepherd Apartments expressed some concerns to the Commission over the future of rental units in that building. Joe Miller, ANC Housing Committee chairman, will look into these concerns and report back on them to the Commission.

**26th St. Street Lighting:** Commissioner Nowick announced that two new high-intensity lights have been installed behind the park in the 1000-block of 26th Street and that the four streetlights on that block will soon be upgraded. Street lighting will also be improved on the 900-block of 26th Street later this year. Nowick thanked the D.C. street lights office for its responsiveness to the community's concerns.

**Marquette:** Responding to some complaints by residents in the Marquette Apartments at 2115 Pennsylvania Ave., Commissioner Levy introduced a resolution authorizing him to investigate the deterioration of conditions in that building and hold talks about them with the owner. The resolution passed unanimously.

**Meeting Hours:** The Commission decided to move up the starting hour of ANC meetings from 8 PM to 7:30 PM and aim to end them by 9:30 PM. The new hours go into effect as of the next meeting, to be held April 7 at St. Mary's Court at 725-24th Street.


**Miller Resignation:** Commissioner Joe Miller of ANC district 2A07 (eastern Foggy Bottom) announced that he had recently been obliged to relocate out of his district and that, under the ANC Regulations, was required to resign from the Commission. In a moving letter of resignation, which he read to the meeting, Miller said that his personal inability to find housing in his district reflected the neighborhood's broader problem with a shrinking and increasingly expensive housing supply. The Commission adopted a resolution accepting Miller's resignation with deep regret and asking him to continue to sit on the Commission in a nonvoting, advisory capacity until a replacement from his district is found. Miller will also continue to serve as the ANC Housing Committee chairman. The individual commissioners and residents thanked Miller for his service as commissioner, particularly his work with Commissioner Levy in the ANC's successful efforts to deny Sherry Towers Apt. a hotel license.

**Molinelli Award:** The Commission lauded Commissioner Jimmy Molinelli for receiving the Washington Star's "Citizen of the Year" award for his community work. A story on Molinelli appears elsewhere in this FBN issue.

**26th St. Traffic:** The D.C. Department of Transportation, responding to a request by a local business, has proposed converting traffic in front of the Westbridge condominium on 26th Street to two-way operation. Commissioner Nowick Resolution #C-6 was adopted reaffirming the ANC's support for continued one-way traffic on that street.

**Watergate Safeway:** Commissioner Nowick congratulated the community on its success in helping halt plans by the Safeway company to convert its Watergate store to a more expensive "Townhouse" store. More than 1,300 signatures had been collected on a petition opposing the conversion, a figure exceeding even that on the hotel conversion case petition last year. Nowick lauded Commissioner Feldman for mounting and coordinating the petition effort on such short notice. He cautioned, however, that the Commission and neighborhood residents should continue to monitor developments closely to guard against any future conversion. A letter sent by Safeway to the ANC said that the store will be renovated with new shelving added, but that it will continue to operate as a regular Safeway.

**Zoning Commission Vacancy:** Commissioner Nowick reported that Mayor Barry had nominated prominent civic leader Lindsley Williams to fill a seat on the Zoning Commission vacated by Theodore Mariani. This ANC and other civic groups in the city had encouraged Williams' nomination. The ANC then passed a Resolution reaffirming its support for Williams in the confirmation hearings before the City Council.



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### National Academy of Sciences

Washington printmaker Jack Perlmutter is exhibiting his recent paintings through April 10 in the Academy's Auditorium Gallery. Perlmutter professor of Art and Chairman of the Printmaking Department at the Corcoran Gallery School of Art. The National Academy of Sciences, at 21st and C Sts. N.W. is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Special arrangements to see the paintings on weekends may be made by calling 389-6539.

## Announcement

Maureen & Dirck Holscher are now the proud parents of a 9 pound, 1 ounce baby boy, Carl, born on February 12, at 9:08 am. Their happy event took place here in the neighborhood, at Columbia Hospital for women.

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## The Urban Scene

Fox von Boom

Ten years ago a writer in the Foggy Bottom News described with exuberance the handsomeness of Columbia Plaza with its "towers, battlements, hanging terraces and belvedere" and named it Camelot on the E St. moat. Obviously he had expected great things for that fine community of apartments surrounding the courtyard of shops above a four story parking garage.

The several hundred member CP Tenants Association had similar thoughts about two years ago when condominium conversion was initiated. Initially there was an exodus of some who chose not to be owners and who knew that with the many Foggy Bottom apartment conversions to hotels, apartments in the area would be few. Others, however, had heard of the conversion successes of McLean Gardens and felt that Columbia Plaza being so near the Kennedy Center and two blocks from the Foggy Bottom subway station was the finest residential location remaining in Washington; no doubt they were correct.

However, after two years of seeing successful apartment conversions throughout the Northwest, and CP Association officers come and go, the CP Association membership is generally pessimistic; you hear them say: "Antonelli (one of The CP partners known for this acquittal in the DC court case that was moved to Philadelphia) is doing a Trojan horse" with CP apartments by filling them with his friends."

"The owners' have second thoughts about the original \$55,000,000.00 asking price, and when the CP Association is finally unable to 'swing it' and gives up, the price will go to \$75,000,000.00 or higher."

"The owners don't want to sell; period. They have plans of making it a second Watergate."

"It's a conversion hotel that they want to make of it."

What is not generally known is that in all of the conversion proposals the present owners have retained the ownership of the CP land, the courtyard and its surrounding shops, the 10 story building and the four story underground parking garage. Obviously, the future of these retained properties hinges on the quality of the future development of the five residential buildings that are proposed for conversion. The voiced misgivings of some of the CP residents may be well-founded.

### Foggy Bottom News

## Bus Route Changes to Take Effect April 12

Changes will be made in April in the M-5 rush hour bus route serving Foggy Bottom, but the Route 46 service will remain unchanged.

The routes were two on which hearings were held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority several months ago. The 46 route, running between Kennedy Center and Mount Pleasant, will not be curtailed (at the request of the D.C. government).

The M-5 route presently runs between Kennedy Center and Fort McNair in southwest every fifteen minutes during rush hour. Starting April 12, the eastbound M-5 will not run in the morning, nor will the westbound bus run in the evening. According to WMATA, several buses running on the 81 route will be added to substitute for the deleted M-5. The 81 leaves Kennedy Center, travels east on H, south on 23rd Street, east on F, north on 18th, and continues east on Pennsylvania Avenue, New York Avenue and H Street. It returns via Pennsylvania Avenue, south on 19th, west on G Street to Virginia Avenue. WMATA plans to provide 81 service every half hour during rush hour, but the schedule is not yet available. In the past the 81 service was not available during the rush hour.

## North of the E Street Moat: Camelot

The towers, battlements and belvedere above Virginia Ave., 23rd and E Streets enclose a king-size courtyard — Columbia Plaza's shopping square. The in-facing, colonnaded shops are glimpsed through twin entrances from 23rd St. The area is large enough for jousting and the action never absent from Columbia Plaza is now beginning here.

Commuters up-elevator from PMI underground parking before 7:00 a.m. and cross the Square towards State Dept. Before 7:30 Herbert and Mrs. Goldman are at the door of their Plaza Valet before the "to work people" come with laundry. Charles Rollins is dusting the stools before the counter where you can read the "Post" while your shoes are removed. Only you and the shoemaker can see your socks. They're inside the "foot-door" below the counter, and for your personal viewing there's a small window in the counter top. Mr. Goldman wanted it "just right". If necessary Mrs. Laurue, the French lady who does fittings and alterations, can mend a toe.

### Looking Back

*This article appeared in the September, 1969 issue of the Foggy Bottom News. Those were happier days for the residents of Columbia Plaza.*

Shoppers think of Sam Kreps as the interim president of the CP Chamber of Commerce. At his "general store" (Tokay Liquor) dispensing orange juice, milk, potato chips, Pepsi, beer, wine and "spirits", Sam also dispenses community spirit: "International Clothing are about to open their men's store and two officers from a California food chain just left following negotiations. Don't quote me, but it's from a "reliable source".

Union Trust Co. of D.C., the pioneer Plaza business, opens at 10:00.

Chef Julien Maitret and his staff have been "public marketing" and preparing food hours before the GOLDEN TABLE opens for lunch at 11:00. Semour Rich, his son Ronald and partner Bill Fetonis divide their time between the Golden Table and "Rich's", Washington's well-known Kosher restaurant at 19th and E Sts., N.W. Watergaters returning from the State Dept. have found "The Table" convenient for cocktails, and dinner doesn't end until 11:00. There is free parking at the Virginia Ave. entrance opposite 24th St., and valet parking at 23rd St. opposite the World Health fountain.

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## News from the Claridge House

The Junior League in Georgetown honored **Virginia Tannar** at a February reception with an exhibit of her recent paintings. The show was pure delight! It included selections from her recent work and showed her interest in non-representational painting and the use of basic forms, often the oval, and the use of space and color. Some of the paintings had an atmospheric quality that allowed for floating and overlay of forms suggesting airiness and softness. Now, how does that grab you?

Oh! the luck of the Irish! **Sally Kelley's** leprechaun has transferred her to a new job at the White House from the green of Capitol Hill, where she had been an aide to Congressman Carlos J. Moorhead of California, it happened recently. Irish eyes are smiling!

**May Aaberg** also has landed at the White House, as a volunteer in the office of Comments and Greetings one day a week. May's other good works are helping to deliver the Foggy Bottom News each month and increasing the FBA membership. She did an outstanding job for the membership committee. Bravo! Residents of the Claridge House who have not yet joined the FBA are encouraged to contact May or this columnist.

*Dorothy Ohliger*

## News and Views from Queen Anne's Lane

The news that the Watergate Safeway will remain a full service supermarket was most welcome. Our thanks to all those who helped achieve this happy outcome and especially to the 1,300 residents who signed petitions opposing the conversion.

**Wiley Chambers** went to Ridgefield, Connecticut for the George Washington birthday holiday. The Maddens spent the long weekend in Oakland, Maryland.

A surprise birthday party was given by **Eileen** for **Murdaugh Madden**, although it is difficult to have a surprise in our Lane. Nonetheless, Murdaugh seemed surprised and pleased.

**Barbara Watson**, the U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia is returning to the Lane. We are delighted to have her back and hope she will remain on the Lane for a long time.

The reason you did not see **Stephen Freda** at the D.C. Court of Appeals hearing on the River Inn liquor license is that Steve was in Atlanta, Georgia to take his bar exam. As soon as a decision is reached regarding the liquor license, we will let you know.

The Prime Minister of Great Britain, Margaret Thatcher, has been in Washington on a State visit. Among the guests to welcome the Prime Minister to the White House was one Laner, **Jo Trued**.

The National Town Meetings have resumed at the Kennedy Center and again are attracting Laners along with many others. The meetings are held each Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The former Prime Minister of Great Britain, The Honorable James Callaghan, will be the first guest speaker. Town meeting programs are announced in the daily newspapers and printed programs may be picked up at the Department of Interior desk at the Ken Cen.

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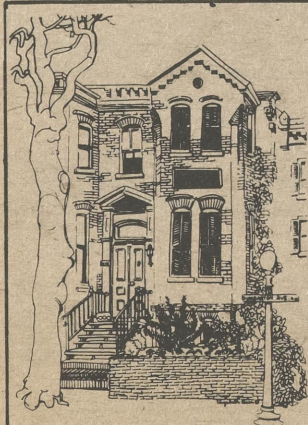


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## Jimmy Molinelli: Citizen of the Year

**Peggy Soares**



The D.C. Federation of Citizens Associations has named Jimmy Molinelli "Citizen of the Year." Jimmy is treasurer of the Foggy Bottom-West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission and president of the West End Citizens Association.

The FCA is a coalition of citizens associations whose objective is advancement of the general interests of the District of Columbia. It presents its Citizen of the Year award to "give public recognition for the rendering of public service for the District of Columbia and for long-time and exceptional performance of normal federation duties."

A resident of Foggy Bottom since 1939, Jimmy maintains he was chosen for the award because, "I was in the right place at the right time." He feels that in his service with the ANC he has helped to make Foggy Bottom a better all-round community. "This is the safest area of the city," he says.

Now 79, Jimmy retired in 1966 from a career as a data processor. He then taught for two years at Benjamin Franklin University at

16th and L Sts. NW. In 1969, at age 68, he returned to work for the Comptroller for the Currency as a computer systems analyst and is still employed full time. He and his wife Lucille are residents of F St.

Jimmy has been a member of the FCA for 12 years. He chairs two of its committees: Public Safety and Environmental Services and Auditing and Budget.

The FCA will present its award on April 26 at a dinner at the New Marriot Hotel on 22nd and M Sts. NW. Dinner tickets cost \$18 each.



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## News from 24th & Eye

A house in the 2400 block of Eye was the setting for a bit of oral history taping recently. The host was that of **Inez Pulver**, the tapee — **Olga Fisch**, and the taper **Dr. Tom Crouch** of the Air and Space Museum. When Inez learned from Olga that in 1934 she had been a passenger on the Graf Zeppelin on a flight from Germany to Brazil, she brought this to the attention of museum officials who forthwith prepared to record Ms. Fisch's recollections of the rare experience on which she was the only woman as well. Olga, a native of Hungary who has resided in Ecuador for 40 years, was in Washington in connection with the exhibit at the Renwick Gallery, "A Feast of Color: Corpus Christi Dance Costumes of Ecuador." The exhibit consists of exuberant artifacts from Olga's collection of folk art, including three dancers and a musician. This show will be at the Renwick until July 12.

Inez Pulver can testify that there is a New Year's Eve cruise from Sacramento to San Francisco because she was on it. This will be of interest to those who enjoy the unusual and offbeat.

Another report from Inez, occasioned by a trip to Nag's Head on Washington's real birthday weekend, concerns birds — lots of them. On an outing with the Virginia Society of Ornithologists 73 varieties of water migrating birds were counted. In the space of a minute, one member alone counted 135 gannets headed north. And a rare peregrine falcon was sighted. These falcons can hit 200 miles an hour in a steep dive!

Friends of **Amanda Way** are welcome to visit her at the Bethesda Retirement and Nursing Center where she continues to recuperate from her surgery. The Center is at 8700 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase, Md. 20015, Tel: 657-8686.

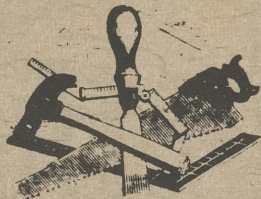
**Anne Higgins** has been appointed to the office of White House chief of staff James A. Baker III as director of presidential correspondence. According to the *Washington Post*, January 29, 1981, this is the position Mrs. Higgins held under President Nixon for whom she previously had served as an executive secretary.



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This writer went on a Western swing in 1980 and stopped off to visit a number of former Foggy Bottomites. **Bill and Arynne Simon**, who once lived at 2407 1/2 Eye St., are now at Rancho La Costa near Carlsbad, California. Bill is a former FBA president. Business is booming for both him and Arynne while daughter **Victoria** has won so many ribbons and other awards at horse shows that she is outgrowing her quarters.

**Harriet Gruger**, formerly of the 2500 block of Eye St., now lives on Puget Sound in Seattle. While in Foggy Bottom, Harriet held every position in the FBA short of president. Now her prodigious energies are channeled to League of Women Voters and church activities, especially in the area of resettling refugees.

Formerly of 2410 Eye St., **Betty (Mrs. W. Arthur) Wellborn** has made her home in Pacific Grove, California since the death of Arthur in 1977. She too lives in sight of the water — Monterey Bay — with its changing seascape. Incidentally, the Washington Post on January 24 reported the sale of 2410 Eye St. at \$170,000 to Mr. and Mrs. Heil.

**Celie Niemi Handley**, formerly of Watergate South, is now the mistress of a beautiful house in Federal Way, Washington. Celie has traded her job with Senator Ted Stevens for one with the Weyerhaeuser Company, more convenient to her husband's employment with Alaska Air.

Also formerly of the Watergate, **Irene Lindstrom** is now living in San Clemente, California. Irene, who is retired from the Foreign Service, is kept busy with family and church activities.

Morella Hansen

## Mews News

The owners of Foggy Bottom Mews reelected **Kristin Hole** — President, **Jeanne T. Abel** — Vice President, and **Beau Joesting** — Treasurer of their condominium association for 1981.

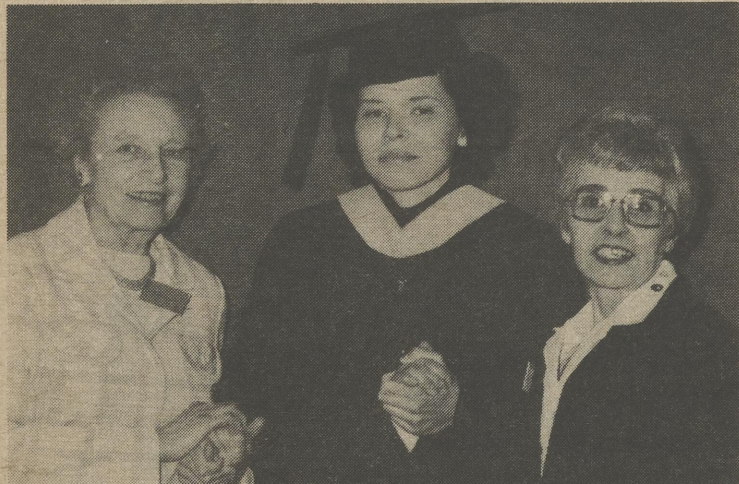
The residents presented a signed petition to ANC Commissioner Howard Feldman opposing the operation of a fast food, beer and wine outlet proposed 7-11 next door at 911 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. Welcome to our new neighbor **Neighbor Orrine Lavery**.

Jeanne Abel

## News From Here and There

We're happy to welcome **Kay O'Brien** home again after her latest overseas assignment. Kay spent two years in Japan, commuting from a small Japanese town to her Federal Aviation Administration job in Tokyo. She is now retired from FAA, is settling back into her Potomac Plaza apartment, and works parttime at the National Academy of Sciences. And bless her, she's also taken on a Foggy Bottom News delivery route!

Did you know that Foggy Bottom has a Morris dance group? They were featured in late February on the Artbeat television show, and will be performing in April in the Dupont Circle area. The group, which rehearses at ICA on Thursday evenings, is dedicated to the old English dances traditionally performed by men.



(left-hand side) l to r: Lucille Holmes, Elizabeth Perry and Ellie Becker

Two residents of Foggy Bottom, **Lucille Holmes** and **Ellie Becker**, recently were special guests at the graduation ceremonies at George Washington University. One of the graduates was **Elizabeth Perry**, who suffers from dyslexia and is "print blind." Lucille and Ellie are members of the Washington Volunteer Readers for the Blind who assisted Elizabeth by tape-recording her assignments. GWU marked the "Year of the Handicapped" by presenting a special award to WRFB. Elizabeth, the daughter of a dentist, earned her degree in zoology from GWU and is presently in dental school at Howard University.

Former U.S. Attorney General **John N. Mitchell** has become a Foggy Bottomite of sorts. Last March, he and a partner, **James M. Tully**, started the from Global Research International Inc., which subleases office space at 2550 M St. NW. This is according to a *Washington Post* story appearing February 21, 1981.

## FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

### GW Law School

Free income tax help for low income and elderly people will be given by George Washington University law students on Saturday, April 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Stockton Hall, Room 201, 720-20th St. NW, between G and H Sts. No appointment necessary.

### West End Library

The American Association of Retired Persons is sponsoring free tax assistance at the West End Library, 24th and L Sts. NW on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. All are welcome.

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## Foggy Bottom Block Party

The Foggy Bottom Association reminds residents of the neighborhood that it is planning a Spring Block Party on Saturday, May 16. (Rain date, Sunday, May 17).

We have engaged **Roland Stransky** and his three fellow musicians to provide the music. Those of you who attended the FBA Octoberfest last year may recall the top performance of Mr. Stransky's band.

Full details of the party will be carried in the April issue of the Foggy Bottom News. In the meantime, **Anne Lomas**, FBA Social Committee Chairman, and members of the FBA Executive Board are looking for suggestions and volunteers to help carry out the program. Let's keep Foggy Bottom a warm, knowing and caring neighborhood! Coordinator: **June Haley** — 333-6036. We'd love to hear from you.

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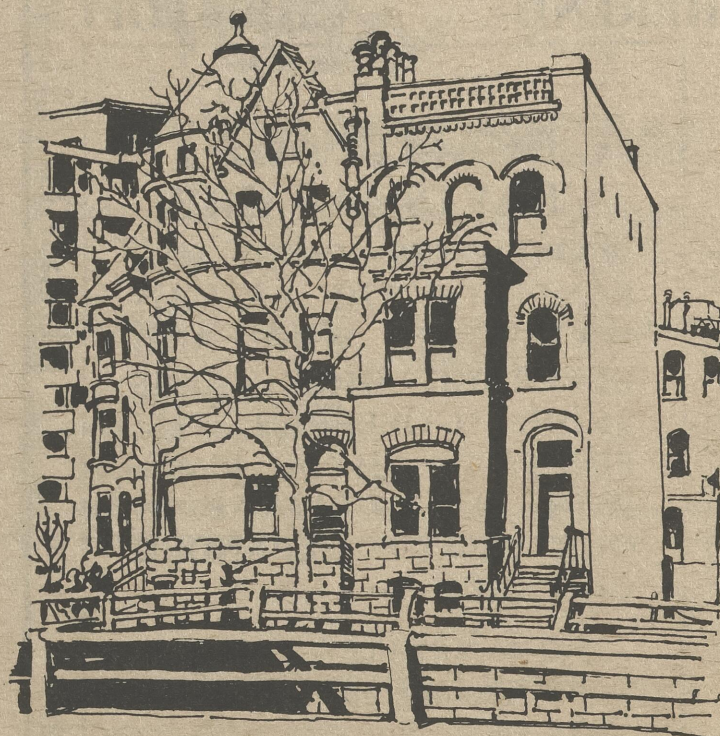
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Elizabeth Beer

Drawn for the Foggy Bottom News by Elizabeth Beer.



## GWU Extends Services to Neighborhood Older Persons

The George Washington University Professional Services Center, located at St. Mary's Court, 725 24th St., N.W. is pleased to announce the extension of its medical and legal services to residents of the Foggy Bottom area who are at least 60 years of age. St. Mary's Court, a congregate housing facility sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese, was developed as a "caring community" to meet the needs of middle and low income elderly and handicapped persons.

It was designed to include a Professional Services Center on the ground floor of the building that would provide a wide variety of supportive services to the residents of the Court and to those elderly persons in the community who are desirous of obtaining health care that is coordinated with other needed services. The Professional Services Center is housed in a small suite of offices and examining rooms on the ground floor of the Court with direct access from 24th Street.

The Center is staffed and administered by GWU Medical Center professionals. Nona Boren, Director of the Center, has extensive experience as a psychiatric socialworker in working with older persons and their families and L. Gregory Pawlson, Medical Director of the Center,



has special training in geriatric medicine.

A unique aspect of the program at the Professional Services Center is its determination to provide holistic care to older persons, that is, to assess and address the needs of the whole person — physical, emotional, social, economic, and spiritual. To this end the Center now offers a variety of services to older persons living at St. Mary's Court and in the Foggy Bottom area. The services include health assessment and follow-up, psychosocial counseling, information and referral, coordination with needed community services, and review and follow-up by an interdisciplinary team. The team includes a geriatrician and an allied health practitioner, a psychiatrist, a social worker, an attorney and

service coordinator. Family members are encouraged to participate in the total care process and are kept informed of ongoing developments.

Medical care is provided by physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants on a fee-for-service basis. Laboratory work-up, x-ray and referral to medical specialists are all available within the GWU Medical Center complex. The Center, as a branch of the GWU Medical Center, is certified for Medicaid, Medicare and third party coverage.

Though GWU's Community Legal Clinic legal counseling is available to elderly persons who meet the income guidelines. A paralegal and a law student (under faculty supervision) provide assistance in drafting simple wills, resolving landlord/tenant problems and consumer complaints and helping older clients gain access to public benefits such as Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare.

The Center staff collaborates closely with the Rector of St. Mary's Church, the Rev. Father John Wilbur, with Barbara Brunton, Manager of St. Mary's Court, Carol Rading, Director of the Multi-Arts Program and with faculty from other schools in the

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The librarian, Mr. Laird Horrell, has been with the system for many years and is very accomplished, well trained, and devoted to his work. He and his staff know their reading public and try to meet its needs constantly. We are all aware of their very high standard of success.

As we are all aware, there have been a number of drastic changes in the area that the Branch serves. An unbelievably large number of condo-coop-hotel conversions as well as demolitions for new building construction have hit us. There has been a vast population shift out of the area so that use figures at the library fluctuate monthly. Happily, the statistics show that residents are coming into the area to fill not only the conversions but also will live in the vast number of new condos being built all over the area. These will be potential borrowers of the library in months to come.

Several months ago, one of our Council-members made a statement that perhaps the West End Branch could be closed and its members made to use the main library building at 9th and G

Streets. This statement was to serve as a possible way to meet increasing costs in the system. Fortunately, the residents in the area rallied to this challenge and wrote hundreds of letters to the Mayor, the Library, and to the city council in protest and for the time being the suggestion was dropped. Now we are faced with a new challenge. The fiscal budgets for '82 and '83 show that there will be further heavy cuts in library services perhaps affecting not only hours and book budgets but also staff and the many other services now available to us. Worried about these projected changes, a number of residents met to try to find some solution and to coordinate their ideas. The result was the founding of "Friends of West End Library." Under the chairmanship of Robert F. Alcorn of The Swarthmore, the Friends plan to dramatically increase the use of the branch, to recruit a large membership to achieve that purpose and to serve as a lobby group for legislation, attendance at Council meetings, or whatever is needed, and to work directly with Mr. Horrell when necessary to provide actual help at the branch so that we can be served properly. Also, a newsletter or some other means will be created to keep you informed of what is happening.

The "Friends" needs not only the White House staffer, the International and Government worker, but also the housewife, the secretary, and the retiree. It needs the former library staffer and the student. All of these are residents in our areas... anyone

who is interested in the library must rally now. Tomorrow may be too late! The group has already received promises of help if we can show the numbers. The ANC has set up a special subcommittee on Libraries, word has gone out to the Hill, the White House, and other places that we are not going to stand by and see our library vanish into memoryland. We need your help, your voice, and your typewriter!

The most important thing to do at the present is for each reader of this newspaper to pay a visit to the library, meet Mr. Horrell if you do not already know him, take out a library card if you do not already have one, and use the facility. If you would like to join the "Friends" leave your name with Mr. Horrell. There are no dues. Tell all of your neighbors about the library and if you live in an apartment building, post a note about the library on your bulletin board. The library is open on Monday and Wednesday nights for your convenience if you can not get there during the day or on Saturdays. It is closed on Thursday. The circulation at the library went up about ten percent last month. We must keep these figures going up if we are to have any bargaining power.

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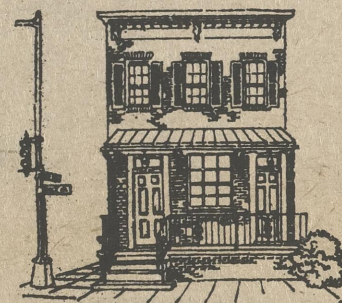
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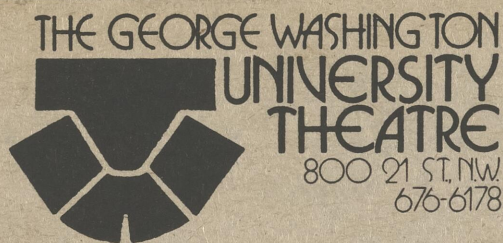
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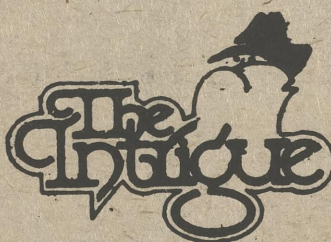
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## Foggy Bottom Farmers' Almanac

by William S. Lattin

Spring's first great show ends with the cherry and magnolia blossoms on the greening grass; her second act begins with billowing clouds of pink and white blossoms of the crabapple trees and the intense hues of red and gold tulips.

April showers often make the garden soil too wet to work and it's a good excuse to head for the Potomac shores — either side. Early in the month there will be purple violets in the grass between Thompson's boat house and the Rock Creek inlet to the River. Later in the month wild strawberries will take their place, and when there's a warm rain, fishermen may be catching bass near by. The perch have been in for quite a while, and if the rains haven't muddied the water, throngs of dipnetters will be scooping shad from the rocks below Chain Bridge. They say that you haven't lived until you taste Shad roe fried with bacon over a camp fire at 3:00 a.m.

Near the other fishing spots (Fletcher's Boat Landing, and the floodplain shores below the C & O Canal trail) there will be scatterings of the same purple violets. Near the water you'll find Empress of India trees with their large clusters of purple flowers — like giant upright Lilacs. The escarpment of the Virginia shore will have the soft pastel coloring coral, chartreuse and brown from unfurling buds. At wood's edge there will be the lavender rose of the small Redbud trees and the creamy white of the enlarging flowers (bract) of the Flowering Dogwood.

For those who remained at home, there's the up-flinging wing-waving courting dance of the male Mockingbird on the roof tops, the thin, sweet song of the small, rose-breasted Purple Finch.

Maybe you didn't want to know, but the test for garden soil that's dry enough to work is when a packed lump crumbles when dropped to the ground.

## Red Lion Row Update

A new, potentially important step was taken in the more than a year long talks between the George Washington University and community groups over the development of the 2000-block of I Street, known as Red Lion Row. At its last meeting on March 3, the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) reaffirmed its opposition to the University's latest plans to develop on that block but suggested new mechanisms to resolve longstanding differences. GWU's newest plans, like its initial ones, call for retaining parts of the historic landmark Victorian townhouses on I Street and building a large office/retail complex behind them.

At the ANC meeting, Commissioner Jon Nowick recalled that the ANC last November had rejected the University's initial proposal because an insufficient portion — only 18 percent — of the original townhouse structures were to be retained and because the new building overwhelmed the townhouses. The ANC had maintained its opposition to the proposal before the Joint Committee on Landmarks and the Zoning Commission, adjusting its testimony to take into account some modifications and improvements in the University's plans. The Joint Committee had rejected the latest GWU proposal, citing the same objections as those noted by the ANC. The Zoning Commission was currently deciding on it.

At the last Zoning Commission hearing, the Foggy Bottom Association, Don't Tear It Down and some individuals joined the ANC in testifying against the proposal. A Columbia Plaza resident, Marilyn Tank, who had not previously attended any neighborhood meetings on Red Lion Row or publicly expressed her views on the subject, testified in favor of GWU. She claimed that GWU had been responsive to the community. The GWU Students Association also testified in favor. The Zoning Commission asked the ANC to formally take a look at the revised proposal and further clarify its position.

Nowick turned the floor over to the University, which testified that the new design was much improved over the first one, that only small parts of the townhouses could be saved because they were in such bad shape, and that the project offered the community many retail services. The ANC's special committee chairperson, Karen Gordon, then presented the committee report, which recommended that the ANC reaffirm its opposition to the project but also acknowledge some improvements by GWU and suggest ways to solve the preservation and design issues.

Specifically, the committee proposed that the ANC offer to work with the Mayor's Agent to determine how much of the original townhouses could be saved. It also suggested that the ANC urge the University to shift proposed parking spaces under the townhouses to another part of the site further back and to shift some of the building's bulk backwards to that site. A resolution to this effect was adopted unanimously after discussion.

The University said that it would have preferred an even more favorable ANC position but expressed hope that the two sides were moving toward a resolution of their longstanding differences. The Zoning Commission may act on Red Lion Row at its March meeting. A report on that meeting will be given at the next ANC meeting, to be held Tuesday, April 7, at 7:30 PM, at St. Mary's Court, 725-25th Street.



## Meeting

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Mark your calendars. Saturday March 21, is a city-wide conference on Washington, D.C. at Dunbar High School, First and N Streets, N.W. beginning at 8:30 am. Workshops on various issues affecting D.C. will be held. On May 16, FBA will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a spring fling-bazaar, disco and tai chi demonstrations. Call June Haley (333-6036) to volunteer. In early April or May Ward 2 will sponsor a town meeting.



## GWU Services

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University to develop programs that will enrich the lives of the elderly who live in the Court and in the Foggy Bottom community. Members of the community are invited to take part in these activities and in a nutrition program, funded by the Office on Aging, which is available weekdays at noon.

Persons interested in learning more about the spiritual and recreational activities or the nutrition program should call the manager's office (223-5684). Persons interested in learning more about or enrolling in the medical program of the Professional Services Center may call Margaret Haske, Services Coordinator of the Center, at 676-3721 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays.

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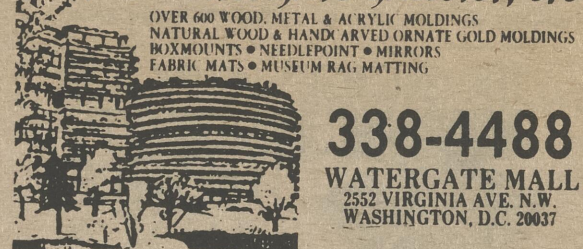
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